

SPaG and Vocabulary Trainer

Punctuation, homophones, word classes, word roots, precise vocabulary and formal English.

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Learning objective: I can use accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar and choose precise vocabulary.

✓ I can correct punctuation ✓ I can choose the right homophone ✓ I can write formally

1 Correct the punctuation Each sentence has deliberate mistakes. Rewrite it correctly.

1 my friend sam lives in london and supports chelsea

2 the dogs bowl was empty so we filled it

3 Its going to rain, take you're coat.

4 We need three things eggs flour and milk

2 Homophones Circle the correct word.

1 The weather will ___ our plans. (A) affect (B) effect

2 You need to ___ the piano every day. (A) practise (B) practice

3 ___ going to the cinema later. (A) Their (B) There (C) They're

4 The rain had no ___ on the match. (A) affect (B) effect

5 I left my bag over _____. (A) their (B) there (C) they're

3 Word classes Write the word class of each **bold** word: noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun or preposition.

Sentence	Word class
The ancient castle stood on the hill.	
She ran quickly to the bus.	
They arrived late.	
The cat hid under the table.	
Our teacher explained the task.	
Courage is important.	

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4 Word roots Match each root to its meaning, then use the examples to help you.

1 bio (biology)	☐	A small
2 graph (autograph)	☐	B water
3 tele (telescope)	☐	C life
4 aqua (aquarium)	☐	D far
5 chron (chronology)	☐	E write
6 micro (microscope)	☐	F time

5 Choose the precise word Use the word bank.

Word bank: jubilant irrelevant tired scrutinised exhausted

- The detective _____ the evidence carefully before making a decision.
- After the long hike, we were utterly _____.
- The _____ crowd cheered as the team scored.
- Her _____ answer showed she had not read the question.

6 Formal or informal? Rewrite each sentence in formal Standard English.

- We was gonna go but it got cancelled.

- Loads of students reckon the canteen food is well bad.

- Can u send me the homework ASAP?

7 Semicolons and colons

- Join these with a semicolon: *It was late. We kept walking.*

Answer Key

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Question	Answers
1 Correct the punctuation	1. My friend Sam lives in London and supports Chelsea. 2. The dog's bowl was empty, so we filled it. 3. It's going to rain; take your coat. (or: It's going to rain, so take your coat.) 4. We need three things: eggs, flour and milk.
2 Homophones	1 A (affect); 2 A (practise); 3 C (They're); 4 B (effect); 5 B (there)
3 Word classes	The ancient castle stood on the hill. – Word class: adjective She ran quickly to the bus. – Word class: adverb They arrived late. – Word class: pronoun The cat hid under the table. – Word class: preposition Our teacher explained the task. – Word class: verb Courage is important. – Word class: noun (abstract)
4 Word roots	1 C ; 2 E ; 3 D ; 4 B ; 5 F ; 6 A
5 Choose the precise word	1 scrutinised; 2 exhausted; 3 jubilant; 4 irrelevant
6 Formal or informal?	5. We were going to go, but it was cancelled. 6. Many students believe that the canteen food is of poor quality. 7. Could you please send me the homework as soon as possible?
7 Semicolons and colons	8. It was late; we kept walking.

Teaching note: the errors in section 1 and the informal sentences in section 6 are deliberate. In British English, 'practise' is the verb and 'practice' is the noun.